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**COMPLETION OF RECORD**

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Sir:

On December 2, 2005, Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above captioned application. In the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, several documents, including DE 4110002, were brought to the Examiner's attention. A copy of DE 4110002, including an English language abstract thereof, was provided.

To complete the record in the above captioned application, attached is a copy of European Office Action Dated February 24, 2010, citing DE 4110002, and which indicates the relevancy of the cited document.

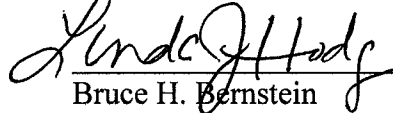
Since the above noted document, DE 4110002, was previously cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application, a copy of this document is not provided herewith.

Applicants note that no further response by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is deemed necessary, nor is one expected.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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